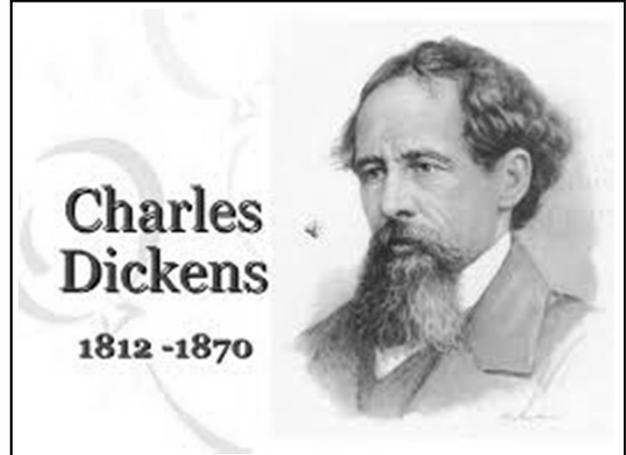


**GREAT
EXPECTATIONS:
THE ORIGINAL
CHRISTMAS STORY**

Isaiah 64:1-9



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- Great Expectations;
- David copperfield;
- Oliver TWist;
- a CHRISTmas story;

Sermonic Points:

- [#1]....PROMISE;**
- [#2]...PUNISHMENT;**
- [#3]...PeacE;**

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”
Says your GOD.

Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and
cry out to her, that her warfare is
ended, that her iniquity is pardoned;
for she has received from THE
LORD’s HAND
double for all her sins.”

Isaiah 40:1-2

“The voice of one
crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way
of THE LORD;
Make straight in the desert a
highway for our GOD.”

Isaiah 40:3

“Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill
brought low;
The crooked places shall be
made straight and the rough
places smooth;

Isaiah 40:4

“The glory of THE LORD
shall be revealed, and all
flesh shall see *it* together;

For the mouth of
THE LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:5

“A voice says, ‘Cry out.’
And then he said,
‘What shall I cry?’
‘All flesh *is* grass,
And all its loveliness *is* like
the flower of the field.’ ”

Isaiah 40:6

“The grass withers,
the flower fades,
Because the breath of
THE LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people
are grass.”

Isaiah 40:7

“The grass withers,
the flower fades,
But the word of our GOD
stands forever.”

Isaiah 40:8

“I Zion, YOU who bring good
tidings, get up into the high
mountain; O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
lift up your voice with strength,
lift *it* up, be not afraid;
say to the cities of Judah,
‘Behold your GOD!’ ”

Isaiah 40:9

“Behold, THE LORD GOD
shall come with a strong *hand*,
And HIS arm shall rule for
HIM; Behold, HIS reward
is with Him,
And HIS work before Him.”

Isaiah 40:10

“Like a Shepherd, HE will feed
HIS flock like a shepherd;
HE will gather the
lambs with His arm,
And carry *them* in HIS bosom,
And gently lead those who are
with young.”

Isaiah 40:11